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### WASHINGTON AND JOINT MEETINGS

We have noticed in the deaf press lately sundry comments by a writer who seems bent on belittling the National Association of the Deaf and on carrying his point with the reading public through misrepresentation of the facts.

One statement is, that the invitation by the Washington deaf to the N. A. D. to hold its 1926 convention in that city was not bona fide; and further, that the vote on convention city was irregular.

The invitation from the Washington deaf was bona fide.

The vote in the N. A. D. Executive Board in favor of Washington was unanimous.

The N. A. D. Executive Board received invitations from three different sources for the entertainment of the 1926 convention: (1) From Washington; (2) from Little Rock; and (3) from a lone individual living in Colorado Springs.

The invitation from Washington was the only bona fide official invitation the Board had before it for consideration. The Little Rock invitation came from a source that did not appear able to carry through a convention of National importance, and later developments there bore out this impression. The invitation from Colorado Springs, if it may be called one, came from an individual, without backing of any kind, and with the statement that not a cent in the way of a local fund would be raised.

The Board could not have done otherwise than accept the Washington invitation.

Another misstatement that this writer makes is, that the Atlanta convention of the N. A. D. in 1923 was so befuddled by the principle of proxy voting that it "left the decision to the Law Committee."

The convention did nothing of the kind. The convention directed the Law Committee to overhaul the laws of the Association, and try to provide safeguards against possible abuses that might later destroy the utility of proxy voting. The report of the Law Committee will be submitted to the Washington convention for its action. The Law Committee has not been directed, nor has it assumed authority to change the laws as they now stand, and put such changes into effect.

The present law on proxy voting will stand through the Washington convention and be followed to the letter. An attempt was made at the Atlanta convention to nullify the law, largely for supposed advantage such nullification might give in the coming election of officers. The attempt failed. The only fair and open course will be to act on amendments offered by the Law Committee at Washington, and have the changes go into effect at the 1929 convention.

We are not particularly enthusiastic over the present method by which proxies are obtained and voted in convention. We are well aware that abuses can, and probably will appear later on, if the present law

is allowed to stand. It is indefinite and slipshod, and should be amended to provide certain restrictions, or done away with altogether.

We note, also, that the writer in question is insistent regarding his idea of joint conventions of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf. We do not believe that he is qualified to speak with authority on this proposition. He has had considerable political experience in the National Association. But as far as we can ascertain, he has never attended a convention of the National Fraternal Society. He is a non-resident of his division in this society. Taken altogether, he cannot claim much insight into the operations, experience, and sentiment of the N. F. S. D. Likewise, he has been out of the councils of the N. A. D. for nearly two decades, and in that length of time conditions change. Therefore, we do not believe that he is qualified to speak with authority on this proposal for joint meetings, from the standpoint of experience in either of these national bodies, and much less from experience in both.

The relations between the National Fraternal and the National Association have always been cordial and friendly. These two great national bodies have always co-operated to the extent that their divergent methods and purposes will permit. We believe that these relations will always continue on the present basis.

The methods and ultimate aims, the composition of the organic bodies, and the laws governing the Society and the Association are entirely dissimilar.

The National Association very often has to deal with problems that the National Fraternal Society could not under any circumstance engage in or have any connection with.

Joint meetings of the two bodies would results in misunderstanding on the part of the public and in the press; the question of local arrangements for such joint meetings would result in various ways; the meeting time of one body must necessarily be curtailed in favor of the other, and vice-versa, giving opportunity for disagreement and discord; one body would be made the tail of the other, with satisfaction to neither the body nor the tail.

We have had sufficient experience with joint meetings, and sufficient experience in both of these national bodies to know that such an arrangement would not work well. We are quite certain that nobody thoroughly conversant with the sentiment in both these national bodies would advocate joint meetings.

The practice heretofore of having a Frat night at N. A. D. Conventions and a Nad night at N. F. S. D. Conventions, is commendable and should be continued, to keep alive the cordial relations between the two bodies, but we believe that this is the limit to which such association can go, with advantage to both bodies.

ARTHUR L. ROBERTS,  
President.  
CHICAGO, April 17, 1926.

### Port Chester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Odell, of Port Chester, N. Y., now have five grand-sons and two grand-daughters.

Miss Marjorie Edna Odell and Master George Francis Odell, of Harrison, N. Y., spent the weekend with their grand parents, at 426 Willett Avenue.

Mrs. Odell lost a fine cousin at Troy, N. Y., on Easter Sunday.

In Mrs. Odell's young days at Stony Point, N. Y., she made a lasting friendship with Mrs. Josephine S. Cameron, who afterwards moved to Nyack, N. Y., where she recently passed away. One of Mrs. Odell's daughter is her namesake.

Mr. and Mrs. William Finch and family arrived from Gulfport, Saturday, also Mrs. Stella W. Lyons, also a sister of Mr. Odell, and others who are nieces or nephews of the Odell family. All reside in Greenwich, Ct. They always spend the winter in Florida.

This world a man must either be anvil or hammer.—Longfellow.

### Canadian Clippings.

#### TORONTO TIDINGS

Mr. John L. MacDonald, of Ottawa, was a guest of his cousins at "Mora Glen" on April 23d. He had brought the body of his father, who died at the capital, to Princeville for burial, so called on his relative here while enroute for home. He is known among the deaf in Ottawa.

Mrs. W. W. Scott left for Wellandport, on April 22d, for a fortnight's visit to her parents and friends and once more friend Billie is delving into the mysteries of keeping the home fires going, minus a mate.

Mr. Harry E. Grooms was to have gone to Sarnia for the meeting on April 25th, but this was cancelled at the last moment, on account of so much sickness among our "Tunnel City" friends.

While attending the Epworth League meeting on April 21st. Mr. Silas Baskerville received word from his old home in Aurora saying that his mother was seriously ill and Silas lost no time in making for his mother's bedside. However, his presence must have cheered her up for she was much better when Silas returned here in time for our social on April 23d. Thoughts of his beloved mother prompted him to go up and spend Sunday April 25th, with her and Miss Elsie Wilson, "his promised, helpmate of the near future," went along with him, as did her sister, Beulah.

Mr. Lewis Ireland, of Acton, who has been in an hospital on Isabelle Street in this city for several weeks past undergoing an operation, is now up and fast recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher (nee Miss Cherry Wheeler), of Montreal, accompanied by their children, spent the Easter holidays with the Wheeler family here.

A very pleasant social under the auspices of our Ladies' Aid Society and also in honor of Miss Annie Perry's birthday, was held in the dining hall of our new church and was a very successful event. Miss Perry, who is approaching her ninetieth milestone, was presented with a large bouquet of roses and a book of fifty car tickets, which will help her to come to our services in ease. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goodall, made the presentation on behalf of those present. Miss Perry replied in thankful terms. After the inner man was satisfied, all repaired to the lecture room up stairs, where a moving picture show was given. There were over one hundred present and a net profit of \$15.50 was made, which will be used in furnishing our new church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowley have purchased a new home at 140 Gardner Avenue, and expect to move into it on or about May 18th.

We are pleased to see Mr. Walter Bell around again, after his recent serious accident. While at work at the Goodyear Tire Co., he came in contact with an iron rod that grazed his ribs below his heart and struck him in the arm, inflicting two nasty wounds, necessitating a lay off from duty for over a week. Mrs. Bell was laid up at the same time with lumbago.

Mr. Frank F. Harris was up in Kitchener over the week-end of April 24th, having gone up at the solicitation of little "Daniel."

A joint meeting of the board of Trustees and Session of our new church was held in the parish house on April 26th, with a full attendance of both bodies. Here is some of the details that were suggested and approved.

The Board of Trustees will meet regularly every month.

The Session, which composes the teachers and probationers will convene quarterly—i.e., in June, September, December and March on a year's trial. Messrs. J. R. Byrne, Fred Terrell and F. E. Harris were appointed to draft the teachers' schedule, Messrs. Neil A. McGillivray and S. R. Edwards were appointed official ushers of our new church. Mr. J. T. Shilton asked for and was granted permission to go to Winnipeg during the convention there in June, on a the pencil.—Minnesota Companion.

teacher's certificate, to address their Sunday meeting. The Western Association is to bear all his expenses.

At time of writing, Mrs. N. Moore and Mrs. M. Wilson are away visiting with relatives and friends in Simcoe and other parts thereto.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lillian Casey to Mr. Charles Wilson, the wedding to take place about May 29th.

Mr. H. W. Roberts spoke at our church on Sunday, April 25th, on the meaning of conscience, saying it was the code which God used to warn us when we did wrong, also described how Satan—once an Angel of Glory—was cast down from Heaven for falling into the snares of pride. Miss Carrie Brethour gave the hymn, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

Mr. and Mrs. William Roman in handing the reporter, their renewal to the JOURNAL, declare it a most welcome weekly visitor.

#### GENERAL GLEANINGS

We all sympathize with Mr. John Reynolds, of Clinton, on the death of his aged mother, Mrs. James Reynolds, who recently left the vortex of this life for the Paradise of the Angels. She was over 83 years of age.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. William Quinlan's brother in Stratford, and hope he will soon be out again.

After her return from attending the Bible Conference in Toronto at Easter, Miss Reata Lott, of Oshawa, was laid up for five days with a bad cold, but we are glad to say she is well again.

Miss Lenna Shannon has returned to her home in Oshawa, after three weeks' pleasant sojourn with relatives and friends in Brighton and vicinity.

Those who were pupils in the Belleville School in the long, long ago, will remember two of their schoolmates, namely, Mr. William Barrager and his sister, Martha, now Mrs. Thomas Green, who hailed from St. Ola, in the backwoods of North Hastings. Here is what may be said of their now famous mother which will surely interest every reader:

ALTHOUGH now seventy-seven, Mrs. Barrager, of St. Ola, is still a crack shot and is still a keen hunter, fisher and trapper. Even in the most inclement winter weather she will inspect her traps in the bush and her fish-holes in the ice.

But it is the opening of the hunting season in the autumn which arouses her keenest enthusiasm. She always gets her deer—often to the discomfiture of the men who invade the forests, confident of bringing down a prize.

A few years ago, when just such a party of hunters sallied forth from her cottage, she proposed to a young lassie, "Come on with me, and we'll get a deer."

The septuagenarian shoved off in her boat and shortly the two returned with the deer, which was much coveted by the less fortunate Indians.

Early in life her family moved from Foxboro to Bangor in North Hastings, Ontario, where, in a little log school house, she taught the youth of the forest. Many and varied were the interesting experiences in her brief teaching career.

After her marriage she and her husband took up a homestead on Salmon Lake. Together they cleared the land and established their home. As a housewife she proved her worth. Her wool carpets, home-spun flannel, and home-made bread won her renown for miles around.

To the Barrager home were wont to come those in distress where they found in Mrs. Barrager a helping hand a sympathetic tear.

Mrs. Barrager's skill with a rifle is inherited by her daughter, Mrs. G. Rosebush, of Trenton, who shot a white deer which was recently presented to the Royal Ontario Museum.

HERBERT W. RORERTS.

Mrs. August P. Hertfelder, of Romney, W. Va., who was suddenly taken ill last Thursday afternoon, was brought to Western Maryland Hospital the next evening over wet dirt roads, made muddy and slippery from snow flurries and light rains, is convalescing rapidly from an operation for appendicitis performed by Dr. A. H. Hawkins last Saturday morning.—Cumberland Times, Mar. 26.

The veteran editor of the DEAF MUTES' JOURNAL, Edwin Allan Hodgson, is enjoying a European tour with a party of congenial friends. Years of devotion to editorial work has earned for him this relaxation. May he return from his trip refreshed and invigorated for further manipulation of the pencil.—Minnesota Companion.

### The Capital City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edington, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ferguson, Mrs. A. F. Parker, Mrs. F. Harrison, Mr. W. P. Souder, Census Bureau. Treasurer R. J. Stewart, 1008 Park Road, N. W. Hotel Committee—F. H. Hughes, Kendall Green, N. W. All deaf of the United States who want any information, write above addressed persons.

His family and relatives have been summoned to his bedside.

Mrs. F. Harrison would like the addresses of Mrs. Margaret Theirman, (Turner) of Portland, Oregon.

Addresses of Convention officials.

Chairman—W. E. Marshall, 328-13th Street, N. E. Secretary—W. P. Souder, Census Bureau. Treasurer R. J. Stewart, 1008 Park Road, N. W.

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Mrs. C. C. Colby, 515 Ingraham, N. W.

### MILWAUKEE.

America's first church for the Deaf of the Lutheran faith observed the 25th anniversary of its dedication with an immense crowd at both the morning and evening services on Sunday, April 18th, at 1711 Meineke Avenue.

The Washington visitors were kindly invited to give their talk. Among them was our Gerald Ferguson, he said that the victory they won over the train was due to the "A. A. A.," which he carried.

Mrs. F. Harrison recited by request, "Soldiers, Soldiers," which was appreciated by all. The visitors were nicely treated to a cake, made and given by charming Mrs. Adolph Bonhoff, of Baltimore.

The "Lit" met Wednesday evening, at the Masonic Temple, April 21st, and they had a jolly time of their lives. Mr. Cooper's lecture on "Smile, Everywhere," was the best ever. The hall was crowded to the door. The debate—"Should auto driving permits be granted regardless of deafness?" was argued and debated. "Charge of the Light Brigade," was recited by Mrs. Colby. After which a N. A. D. Branch was held with Chairman Marshall.

The "Lit" will meet at the Masonic Temple, the Second Wednesday of May. Prof. Drake will give a talk, dialogue between Mr. J. S. Edelen, an old resident of Washington, will relate something that will thrill you one and all. Every deaf is asked to attend. After which the N. A. D. Branch will be held and several important transactions will be made. Come one, come all.

The Ladies' of Washington met at the home of Mrs. Roy Stewart, Monday evening, April 19th, to discuss the plans of the future socials of the N. A. D., etc. The hostess of the house treated the ladies and visitors to a cup of coffee, sandwiches, ice-cream and cake.

It is rumored that the culling Dan Cupid will "hike" to Washington in August with his bow and arrow.

Washington's annual "clean up" week, proclaimed by the District Commissioners, was ushered in last Monday with augmented service by the Street Cleaning and refuse department. The deaf residents of Washington observed the week by cleaning up their premises. The result will make the Capital the cleanest and most beautiful city of the United States and a matter of pride to the Nation.

Come to Washington and see the city. The Washington papers state that Mrs. Mary Law, of Northampton, England, motor bus owner, escaped prosecution for using unlicensed bus, because she is deaf and cannot read or write.

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To the humblest and the weakest  
Neath the all-beholding sun,  
That wrong is also done to us,  
And they are slaves most base,  
Whose love of right is for themselves,  
And not for all the race."

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## A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE.

## CHAPTER III

## EGYPT.

On Sunday morning, March 21st, the Adriatic anchored in the port of Alexandria, Egypt. The roadstead was fairly swarming with steamships—big ones at that.

The ancient grandeur of Alexandria is gone. Its harbor was at one time dominated by one of the wonders of the world—the Lighthouse of Pharos. The Alexandrian Library, totally destroyed by fanatic Romans, was a great loss to the civilized world. It is said to have contained 700,000 volumes. At the time of its greatest prosperity, Alexandria is said to have had a population of 300,000. Today Alexandria is a big city, with a spread of buildings that betokens fine stores, brisk business, and dwelling houses of prosperous aspect. In the bay were hundreds of vessels, large and small—thirty or forty apparently liners, tankers and freighters, and an occasional cattle ship. The wharves were piled high with bags of grain and other farm produce. Of course the garb was different from that seen in American seaports.

No one was allowed to go ashore till all the requirements of the customs and health departments had been complied with. Afterwards we were taken at once to a special train of railroad cars (or wagons) for a journey of three hours to Cairo. A tasty luncheon was served in a dining car.

The ride was over a good roadbed, smooth and rapid, and carried us through the most fertile stretch of cultivated soil that one could imagine. As far as the eye could reach on either side, the perfect alignment of section adjoining section, marked the varying kinds of crops. The land is perfectly level, without fences, and relieved by occasional clumps of palm trees. This level land is known as the Plain of Abraham. It is a wonderful example of dry, parched earth, being changed from an arid expanse to productiveness almost beyond belief. Canals, fed from the Nile, feed the irrigation ditches that criss-cross at intervals, while what I would term primitive wells deliver water from a cup-rimmed wheel that is made to revolve by water buffalo driven round and round, operating an immense cogwheel. The land is stocked with camels, cattle, donkeys and goats. The solitary farm houses no goats have plenty of poultry, which we did not see.

So the Plain of Abraham yields abundant harvests, and the Arab or the Egyptian furnishes the sinew and industry that "produce the corn and cattle, lest street-bred people die."

On the journey we passed through several towns, with their houses of a single floor, and sometimes a bird house or dove-cote on the roof, dome shaped and made of mud or plaster, as are the main structures. These houses are huddled together. We passed over the Nile at Kafr el Zayat, and only stopped at Tanta and Benha before reaching Cairo.

At Cairo the Adriatic cruise personnel were assigned to Shepheard's and the Continental-Savoy hotels. These are two of the most magnificent hotels in Egypt. They are very much alike. The veranda (or the piazza), is fully ninety feet long and thirty feet deep, with wicker chairs and tables, and is usually filled with hatless patrons, smoking, imbibing, and conversing in the warm and pleasant evening air.

The servants of our hotel wore picturesque Mohammedan costumes, blue or red jackets trimmed

with gold braid, and a *tarbouch* (or fez) and slippers (called by the Arabs *maroub*). In front of the hotel there was usually an assemblage of Arabs selling necklaces and canes, dressed in the narrow sleeved *oustans* (a white slip-over that reaches to the ankles). The dragon-men (or guides), more dignified and wearing colored silk *oustans* with an added wide-sleeved garment floating from the shoulders to feet, called the *abayah*, sold nothing, but solicited patronage. All the Arabs wear a turban made by a dexterous twist from a strip of cotton. This holds in place a cotton headpiece. The whole is called an *ema*.

For the entertainment of JOURNAL readers, we publish a "tourist's brief dictionary." The Arabic is pronounced exactly as it is spelt.

## ENGLISH—ARABIC

I—Ana; You—Inta; He—Hoo-wa; She—Hey-ya; We—Iha; They—Homadan; Yes—Ayva; No—La; Never—Abadan; Why—Alashan-ay; Matches—Ke-breet; Where—Fin; Newspaper—Gornal; Knife—Sikkeen; Fork—Shoka; Spoon—Mala; ah; Glass—Koobay; Come—Ta-ala; Hena—Hena; There—Henak; Give me—Idni; Take—Insik; Dear—Ghali; Cheap—Rikhees; Bread—Aish; Water—Moiza; Milk—Lan; Coffee—Ah-wa; Beer—Beer; Tea—Shy; Tobacco—Dokhan; Sugar—Sokkar; Butter—Zbda; Cheese—Gibna; Ice—Taig; Lemonade—Kazooza; Cabman—Arrbagi; Waiter—Sufraji.

Come here—Ta-ala; Hena; Go away—Emsi; Bring me a glass—Gibni koobaya moiza; It is too dear—Dee ghali; How much is that?—Bikam dee; Thank you—Kattar kerak; What do you want—Ow-zae; What is your name?—Ismak; Ech; Never mind—Maalesh; Listen here!—Ismah.

It is humanly impossible to condense into one chapter a detailed account of what was seen in our excursions in and around Cairo.

First of all we saw the Island of Roda and the Nilometer, which measures the rise and fall of the River Nile. On this island, to which we were ferried by Arab boatmen, we were conducted to the spot where Pharaoh's daughter discovered the infant Moses in a basket hid in the bulrushes. All readers of the Bible know that he was in this manner concealed by his mother to escape the edict of Pharaoh that every first-born child should be slain.

Next we visited the Old Coptic Church where the Virgin Mary and her infant Jesus Christ, accompanied by Joseph, fled and hid in a cave, that is now 1956 years old, because Joseph was warned in a dream that Pharaoh would seek to destroy him.

We saw the Alabaster Mosque of Mohamet Ali, which was made as nearly as possible like St. Sophia in Constantinople, and in like manner were slipped before entering lest we profane the holy carpets with which its vast floor space is completely covered.

Its walls are panelled with alabaster for twenty-five or thirty feet, beyond which the pillars, arches, and dome-shaped ceiling are elaborately decorated with arabesques in blue and gold. Unbelievably big electroliers, with myriads of lights and prismatic glass, make the interior entrancingly beautiful. Adjoining is the palace in which Mohamet Ali lived 150 years ago.

We next were taken to a mosque that is 600 years old. It has a long covered interior supported by 360 pillars. One of these pillars is protected by steel rods, because the people believe whoever licks it will be cured of disease. British doctors declared that licking it spread disease, so it was surrounded with steel protection that no tongue could possibly be long enough to reach its surface. From this mosque a holy carpet is taken to Mecca in September of each year.

I have not mentioned that all these mosques have minarets attached or close by. A minaret is a tall turret with balconies, from which the muezzin is sounded to call the faithful ones to prayer.

## THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZEH AND SPHINX.

In the afternoon a fine automobile drive took us past palatial mansions with well-kept surroundings of trees, vine and flower, over the Nile bridge to the edge of the Libyan Desert. Here we got astride of camels and negotiated the distance of a mile or more to the Pyramids of Gizeh and the Sphinx. Every school boy and girl is familiar with the pictures that all geographies have of these ancient wonders, but no one can envision the immense size of each of the three until they are seen at close range. They were built over 5000 years ago. The Sphinx is about two hundred yards from the great Pyramid, and is a gigantic figure of a woman's head and shoulders carved from the solid rock, her nose being marred as pictured in school books.

## THE MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES.

To dwell at length on the Museum of Antiquities, would require several octavo volumes, fortified with considerable study and knowledge of Egyptology. The Museum building is quite large and imposing. It seems to be marble throughout—superstructure, floors, walls, partitions and staircases. A short, quick visit, is calculated to impress the mind with one ancient wonder when it becomes promptly effaced by the impressiveness of the next.

The first that halted us after entering was the large stone statue of Rameses II. A smaller statue we were told was his wife. For an hour we wandered into and through the galleries, gazing with awe at sculptured figures, and with a sense of veneration upon mummies that fell into eternal sleep three or four thousand years ago. The lid of Tutankhamen's coffin, rich with

a tracery of purple and gold, compelled wonderment at the artistic accomplishments of the ancient craftsmen. Mummies, whose features and forms are perfectly preserved, though shrunken, were numerous. One of a queen took up three glass cases to exhibit—first in her coffin, then the lid of the coffin, and the coffin which enclosed them, each of them inlaid with precious stones, and heavy gold, while by their side stood the stone sarcophagus from which they had been removed.

One room is given over to the jewelry and other adornments taken from the tomb of Tutankhamen at Karnak. Gold finger rings, bracelets, necklaces of large gold beads, carnelian, and blue glass like lapis lazuli, ornaments for the hair and toilet articles. No one could enumerate all the things viewed, but the sight of them, and the varied wonders of the museum, will always linger in the memory.

## THE ARAB MUSEUM AND KHEDIVIAL LIBRARY.

From this world-famed museum we were taken to the Arab Museum, where are exhibited ancient marvels in glass. Scroll-like designs are worked into the glass, which is of extraordinary clearness. There are fragments in porcelain, jars of clay, sculptures in marble, and exhibits of ancient doors in wood.

Next the Khedivial Library was given a short visit. The exhibits are principally large books kept in glass cases. The open pages are wonderfully illuminated, and are mostly copies of the Koran made about three hundred years ago. The bindings are an exquisite presentation of the skill of bookbinders in Egypt three centuries ago. The designs are usually in gold worked into leather with uncanny skill.

EDWIN A. HODGSON.  
(To be continued)

## THE MOUSKY BAZAAR.

The Mousky Bazaar at Cairo can not be duplicated anywhere else in the world—there are 9000 stores under one roof.

Imagine if you can streets so narrow that you could jump across, lined on each side by stores of every size and character, from a two by four foot niche in the wall to a fifteen by twenty foot establishment for the sale of pots and pans and such like articles that are used for cooking in every household. The majority of stores are about eight feet frontage and have a depth of six feet.

From this central street, there criss-crosses numerous other streets still narrower and crowded with shops, that both manufacture and sell every kind of jewelry, from a brass stick pin to a gold watch.

Imagine again a crush of men wearing the fez, women veiled so that only their dark eyes are visible, Arabs attired in their long gowns topped with white turbans, and you have a scene that no part of the earth save Cairo, Egypt, can produce—the Mousky Bazaar.

They retail everything that is used in this wicked world of ours. You can purchase a silk shawl, fringed and embroidered, in one place, and three feet further, at the next store, you buy a loaf of bread—or rather a ring of bread, for they are made in large rings of about nine inches in diameter. They will sell you a scarab or a bale of silk, a bolt of cotton or a piece of candy.

And all of the colleges for hearing

men and hearing women, Illinois College and Illinois Woman's College included, which go knocking at the back door of Congress.—*The Illinois Advance*.

According to this pronunciation all of the schools for the deaf, the Illinois School included, which are maintained by the forty and eight States of the Union are mendicants at the back doors of their several legislatures.

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And West Point and Annapolis are mendicants.

Ex-President James A. Garfield, who was an educator before he was a soldier, a statesman and the chief magistrate of our country, and who as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in Congress was one of the stanchest friends of Gallaudet College, was present at one of its commencements after it had begun to show results.

Then and there he made an address in which he said that the action of Congress in voting money for the college, so far from being an act of charity, was an act of enlightened selfishness.

He knew what Uncle Sam was getting for his money.

And the grateful sons of Gallaudet have placed a marble bust of Garfield in the halls of their beloved Alma Mater—an honor which they accorded to no other Ex-President.

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## THE STEP PYRAMIDS.

An all-day excursion from Cairo, across a very fine steel bridge over the Nile to a steamboat landing a little distance beyond, started an eventful trip on that splendid river that ended at Memphis two hours later.

Memphis, at one time, second only to ancient Thebes, the capital of Egypt, is now but a conglomeration of insignificant looking mud huts surrounded by half-naked children. Its one time

splendor has passed away.

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From this place, three miles over the desert, we rode to the Step Pyramid of Sakkara. It is built in six stages of steps, and is 196 feet high. It was built during the III Dynasty, or over five thousand years ago. By actual count, these tombs of ancient greatness number five within the range of vision, but we did not attempt to reach them. Nearby the Step Pyramid is the Apis Mausoleum, or tomb of Sacred Bulls. These bulls were worshipped while living, and mummified at death. There were twenty-four, all in separate sarcophagi.

A short, quick visit, is calculated to impress the mind with one ancient wonder when it becomes promptly effaced by the impressiveness of the next.

The first that halted us after entering was the large stone statue of Rameses II. A smaller statue we were told was his wife. For an hour we wandered into and through the galleries, gazing with awe at sculptured figures, and with a sense of veneration upon mummies that fell into eternal sleep three or four thousand years ago. The lid of Tutankhamen's coffin, rich with

his ease in groups here and there, with herds of sheep and camels in close proximity, shepherded by boys or girls and women.

## THE RIVER NILE.

The Nile is the very life of Egypt. It is said that were it not for this great river, the soil of Egypt would be changed to barren sand. Its yearly overflow has been regulated by the Aswan Dam, so that farmers along its course are now assured of sufficient water for their crops, and never get too much or too little, as used to be the case. On it depends the prosperity of Egypt. This wide stream is dotted with feluccas—a boat resembling the ordinary sailing yacht, with this difference, however, the felucca is broad of beam, shallower, and has a greater carrying capacity. Its single sail is attached to a long, slender crosspiece, that pivots on top of a short, stout mast. It is called a teeter sail.

On these feluccas are carried all the articles of commerce. The stone from the quarries as well as the grain and other farm products. At one place along our course the west bank, from the water to the level of the land, probably thirty feet, had a long stretch of stone steps leading to granaries or im-

mense capacity.

The Nile is a great river, and by the Egyptians is held in reverence.

The last day in Cairo was spent in a carriage drive to various parts of the city, and in a second visit to the Mosky Bazaar, and the following morning witnessed our departure by special train for Alexandria, where the Adriatic was boarded and her course shaped for Sicily.

EDWIN A. HODGSON.

(To be continued)

## MENDICANTS.

Hark, hark the dogs do bark;  
The beggars are come to town;  
Some in rags, some in tags,  
And some in velvet gowns.—*Mother Goose*.

Gallaudet College is a mendicant at the back door of Congress.—*The Illinois Advance*.

Is this a fair sample of the advanced wisdom of those engaged in making the Illinois School for the Deaf the best of its kind in the broad domains of Uncle Sam?

According to this pronunciation all of the schools for the deaf, the Illinois School included, which are maintained by the forty and eight States of the Union are mendicants at the back doors of their several legislatures.

And all of the colleges for hearing

men and hearing women, Illinois College and Illinois Woman's College included, which go knocking at the back door of Congress are mendicants.

And West Point and Annapolis are mendicants.

Ex-President James A. Garfield, who was an educator before he was a soldier, a statesman and the chief magistrate of our country, and who as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in Congress was one of the stanchest friends of Gallaudet College, was present at one of its commencements after it had begun to show results.

Then and there he made an address in which he said that the action of Congress in voting money for the college, so far from being an act of charity, was an act of enlightened selfishness.

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## NEW YORK.

News items for this column should be sent direct to the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal*, 1538 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A few words of information in a letter or postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

Dr. and Mrs. Fox were host and hostess to the New York chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association, when a purely business meeting has held at their new home on the 1st. Nearly all the active members were present, and they had the chance not only to partake of the delicious repast Mrs. Fox is noted for catering to her guests, but also sample those "scrumptious" caramels she is making for the benefit of the E. M. G. fund. She took a course in candy making at Columbia some time ago. Cards announcing the sale of candy at \$1 a pound were passed around. Any one desiring a box of either, write to her or to her agent, Mrs. Bertha Barnes, 601 W. 172d Street, or any other member of the New York chapter.

To assist in the collection of funds for the New York State quota of the "E. M. G. Memorial the undersigned will, for a limited period, fill orders for the "Eef Eef" homemade caramels, the total proceeds to be turned over to the above named Memorial Fund.

The price of caramels will be one dollar per pound. For postage and packing add fifteen cents extra.

Please—Enclose check with order; give directions for shipping; designate choice of flavors. Flavors—Vanilla, Chocolate, Nut Toffee, Butterscotch, Assorted. Mrs. Thomas F. Fox, 600 West 16th Street, New York, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Terry, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived in the city last week, and during their short stay are embarking for the old world, which they intend to tour for the next four months, were conducted to places of interest by the Kenners and Ed. Lefis. They left on Saturday with the best wishes of the many acquaintances they made hereabouts. On Thursday, Mrs. Terry in company with Mesdames Kenner and Lefi visited Fanwood, and in the evening, Mr. Kenner took Mr. and Mrs. Terry to the rooms of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, where they made many friends.

On Wednesday, April 28th, the Clark Athletic Club Basket Ball team went to City Hall, where they were presented with the Championship Silver Cup by Mayor Walker, which they won in the Settlement League during the winter. Among the members that comprised the team was Benjamin Shafrazen, who was a factor in their being able to win out. Mr. Shafrazen is a member of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, and on February 20th played with the Deaf-Mutes' Union League against the Manhattan Frats, and surprised the spectators by his fine playing. He is a product of the Fanwood School.

Saturday, the 1st of May, a farewell surprise party was given, in honor of Mr. Arwinski, who is a member of the Lutheran Evangelical Church, before he sailed for Germany. Speeches were made by many members, and all wish him luck and happiness. Those present: Messrs. Peterson, Nesgood, Borgstrand, Rev. Boll, Grutzmacher, Heil, Lind, E. Berg, Rehling, Mayer, Berger, Schwadlt, Misses Christgau, E. Prins, Ruge, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmer, Clara Berg, M. Borgstrand and others.

The Modified Marathon Race, from 173d Street and the Grand Concourse in the Bronx to City Hall, conducted by the New York Graphic last Saturday afternoon drew a large crowd of spectators all along the course, including the deaf, for several of the silents were entered, among which was a student of the Fanwood School, the assistant chef of the same school, Mr. Stokley; Mr. Winfield Marshall, of Port Chester, N. Y., Walter, the son of Mr. and Mr. Max Miller.

The mother of Mrs. Samuel Hurwitz, Mrs. Emma Austin Brown, died at her home, 728 Seventh Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., on Friday, April 23d. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hurwitz, of this city, attended the funeral on April 26th, and returned on Wednesday night, the 28th.

Hollywood's real estate is some in Southern Florida. Frederick Parker a Fanwood graduate class of 1918, and his step-father, invested a business lot in the wilderness four years ago. At a recent time the offer was superb.

Two weeks ago in this column was recorded the names of several deaf-mutes who are holding "sits" or subbing in daily papers. Since then it is learned that there are several more, namely Jerry Fives, Herman Beck and Edwin Demmerle, in the New York Times; and Harry Pierce Kane on the Long Island Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kosenbaum announce the engagement of their daughter, Dora, to Mr. Abraham Finkelstein, on Sunday evening, April 11th, 1926, at 8 p. m., at their residence, 1519 Fifty-seventh Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Leitch, of Washington, D. C., was in New York over the week-

end. With Mr. and Mrs. Ward and their daughter, she was at St. Ann's Church service on the afternoon of May 2d.

Harry Cunningham, a product of the Manhattan Gallaudet School, is another of the deaf printers employed on a city daily. He works in the *Telegram* composing room.

Mr. Steinhauser, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is grieved of the death of his beloved mother on April 22d. Her death was caused from blood poison.

## FANWOOD.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 27th, our Band and Field Music participated in the ceremonies conducted in Central Park by the Central Park Association, at which prizes were awarded public school children who were successful in the essay writing contest conducted by the Association. Both Lieutenant Edwards and the boys were much applauded and greatly praised for the music rendered by them.

An electric Blackboard Eraser Machine has been installed in the room of Dr. Fox.

Mr. Loew, an old-time graduate of Fanwood, visited here briefly on April 27th. He noted many improvements in the trades schools. Cadet Drum Major Heintz, Cadets Horne and Manning are practicing running and jogging in the boys' yard. They are invited to compete with the best runners in Port Chester on May 9th. The distance will be eight miles. These boys are specializing in long distance running.

Mr. N. Cairano, a former pupil at this school, visited the school on April 29th.

Messrs. F. A. DePeyster and Wm. W. Hoffman, members of the Board of Directors, were visitors here April 27th.

An exciting baseball game will be held on the diamond of Fanwood, between our team and the Deaf-Mutes' Union League team, May 8th. Visitors are welcome.

An added improvement to the Institution's equipment has been made through the generosity of one of our most interested members of the Board of Directors. The ironing room of the Girls' Domestic Science Department has been modernized by the installation of 22 iron-base ironing-tables of the latest pattern, all of which are equipped with new electric "Hot Point" irons. These have the new device which will not allow the same to overheat. Also, each ironing board has a red telltale light to indicate when the electric current is on. The room has been freshly painted and the girls will now do their ironing under pleasanter and better conditions.

In the morning and afternoon of April 29th, the members of the Fanwood Athletic Association and the Barrager Athletic Association were photographed.

The Basket ball and baseball teams, tennis, volley team, hockey teams and track teams, all posed for the camera.

On the 14th of May, Friday afternoon, there will be track competition by the members of the Fanwood and Barrager Athletic Association, on the grounds of the cadets.

Mr. Harry Whiteman, a Fanwood graduate, has returned to New York after residing in California for four months. He made a short visit here last Saturday. He witnessed our second baseball game. His family has decided to reside in New York permanently.

On May 1st, the Fanwood team fairly slaughtered the Starratt and Van Vleck team in the baseball game on our diamond, winning by the score of 15 to 5.

Heintz, our star hurler, again aided his team in scoring runs by his timely hitting. The fielding of the Fanwoods was excellent, while that of our opponents was poor. Principal Gardner was a good baseball fan, as he witnessed the game.

The score:

	A.B.	R.	H.	F.O.	A.	E.
Fanwood	5	2	2	0	0	1
Cerniglio, I.F.	6	2	0	0	1	1
Lux, p.	5	4	1	14	2	1
Heintz, p.	5	0	4	4	2	0
Kerwin, 1b.	6	0	2	6	0	0
Johnson, 3b.	3	0	0	1	2	0
Kostyk, 2b.	4	3	1	2	3	0
Port, s.s.	4	2	2	1	0	0
Lynch, r.f.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Giordano, r.f.	1	2	1	0	0	1
Epstein, r.f.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	41	15	15	27	8	4
Starett	A.B.	R.	H.	F.O.	A.	E.
Douglas, 2b.	4	1	2	1	0	1
Boder, s.s.	4	1	2	3	2	0
Spears, I.F.	3	1	1	1	0	1
H. Spears, c.s.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Sullivan, 1b.	4	1	1	7	0	1
Cox, 3b.	3	0	0	4	2	2
Becker, r.f.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	5	10	23	5	5
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	8
Startet	0	1	0	2	0	2
Fanwood	1	4	3	2	1	1
Two-base—Heintz, 2; Jacobucci, Port, Kostyk, Sullivan. Double plays—kostyk to Krewin. Left on bases—Fanwood, 11; Startet, 9. Struck out—Heintz, 13; Guiry, 8. Passed Balls—H. Spears, 2. Umpire—Port, Scorer—Daniel Aelis.	2-5	3-15				

## PHILADELPHIA.

News items for this column should be sent to James Reider, 1538 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

All Souls' Church's coal bill will amount to something over \$450.00 this year, which is something that should make its people hustle. And that is what they have been doing. The Easter offerings, which were allotted to this item, though gratifying, fell short of the required amount, hence the parishioners are still on the job of trying to raise the necessary quota. It is likely that their efforts will be successful, at least we hope.

Philadelphia Division, No. 30, N. F. S. D., will conduct a "lodge of sorrow" for its fifteen deceased members at its next meeting on May 7th. After its business is dispatched, which it is expected will not take very long, the doors will be thrown open to outsiders and widows and relatives of the deceased members will especially be invited to attend. President Stevens is anxious to make this meeting an impressive occasion and hopes for a large attendance.

Our Sunday, 18th inst., the Rev. Frank C. Smielau, Central Pennsylvania, a student at the Pastoral Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, at a celebration of Holy Communion in All Souls' Church for the Deaf and preached the sermon. Shortly after the service Reverends Smielau and Smaltz left for Reading, Pa., where they held another service in the evening. From there they continued an itinerary of services through the State. Rev. Smaltz expects to be gone about ten days. Lay Readers Stevens and Lippett will take the services at All Souls' and nearby places during his absence.

The Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf held its semi-annual meeting at All Souls' Parish House on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. As the writer has not been favored with information concerning the business of the meeting for publication in the JOURNAL, he is manifestly not in a position to report any progress made by the Board.

Miss Katherine McKinney, a hearing sister of William and Susan McKinney (both deaf and well-known in this State), died on last April 2d, from heart failure, at the age of seventy-one years and one month.

She was buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Three brothers and two sisters survive the deceased. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Rev. J. M. Koehler, of near Olyphant, Pa., has been booked for a lecture before the Clerc Literary Association on April 29th.

On Saturday afternoon, April 17th, Mr. Frederick C. Waltz, of Trenton, N. J., was married to Miss Appolonia Mueller, of this city, by the Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, S.T.B., in the rectory. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Richards witnessed the ceremony. The couple intend to live in a house, which the groom owns in Trenton, as soon as it is vacant. We extend hearty good wishes to the couple for a happy married life.

A theatrical entertainment will be given by the local Gallaudet Club, for the benefit of the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf at Torresdale, on Saturday, May 8th, in the Parish House of All Souls' Church for the Deaf.

The attraction is to be a "Mock Trial."

Friends of the Torresdale Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf at the Mt. Airy Institution, recently, gave a movie entertainment for its benefit, and netted a nice little sum for the Mt. Airy room in the Home. The Institution people have certainly been giving the Home fine support on numerous occasions, and too much credit can not be given them.

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Mrs. H. E. Stevens, who spent a week in Washington, D. C., returned on Monday, 26th of April. She attended the Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution with her hearing sister.

Miss Charlotte M. Croft, who spent a fortnight hereabouts, returned to her brother's home at Fort Hamilton, New York, on Friday, April 19th.

Don't forget the Mock Trial at All Souls' Parish House next Saturday evening, May 8th.

The Wilmington, Del., deaf contributed \$24.05 towards the Dantzer Memorial Tablet, and the Trenton deaf sent \$30.00. Both these sums are creditable to the places from which they came. Who said that the deaf are ungrateful?

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Dorothy Carney Maurer (Born February 16th, 1926), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maurer, was baptized by the Rev. W. M. Smaltz on May 1st. Mrs. Raymond Carney acted as Godmother for the child.

The sexton's quarters in the parish-house of All Souls' Church for the Deaf will be improved with new electric lighting fixtures.

Work on it will start on April 3d.

According to announcement in the daily papers here the buildings of the Sesqui-centennial Exposition are mostly 70 per cent completed.

Work is being rushed day and night with three shifts of workmen, and the city authorities express confidence that the Fair will be open to the public as scheduled—June First.

Lay-reader Stevens took the service at Trenton last Wednesday evening, 22d inst., in the absence of Rev. Smaltz.

In company with her sister, Mrs. McKeegan, of Carlisle, Pa., Mrs. Harry E. Stevens, of Merchantville, N. J., attended the D. A. R. convention in Washington, D. C., all through the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Reider spent two delightful weeks with their daughter at York, Pa., in the forepart of April.

Mr. E. F. Kaercher, a senior at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., whose home is in this city, makes frequent visits to his home city. His last visit here was on Easter Sunday.

Judge—"You're fined twenty dollars for loafing in the public park."

She—"That is what I have told every one."

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She—"Yes, I had a fine time but I haven't got a cent."

Still in the throes of a bad batting slump, which began with the Uni-

versity of Maryland game, the Kendall Greeners suffered rough going at the hands of Blue Ridge, who handed them a 10 to 2 drubbing.

Going on a base-running rampage, the New Windsor Collegians trooped around the bases for ten runs, obtaining five in the second, one each in the third, fifth and sixth innings and two in the seventh. Gallaudet connected with the ball for eight hits to Blue Ridge's nine. It was not a game that spectators like.

## BOSTON GOSSIP.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

(Strictly Unofficial)

BEING SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE PROXY SYSTEM OF VOTING AT ELECTIONS AT CONVENTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

EDITOR JOURNAL.—As the welfare of the Association following the Washington convention will depend largely upon the officers elected, it may not be out of place to give an analysis of the method of voting. For the benefit of the uninformed it may not be amiss to quote in full the article of the By-laws concerning officers.

### Article II.—Officers.

Section I. The officers of the Association shall be a president, a first vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and three members of the executive board.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected separately by ballot on the last day of each regular triennial meeting of this Association, and shall hold their offices for three years, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, voting by proxy being permitted absent members in good standing.

Section 3. The officers thus elected shall assume their respective offices immediately after the adjournment of the convention following their election.

Section 4. Resignations shall be made in writing to the President with statement of reasons therefor. Vacancies in office caused by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the President until the next election.

Section 5. The officers of the Association shall receive such salaries or other compensation as the members of the National Convention may direct.

Fault may be found with the wording or language here or there, but as long as the meaning is plain that does not matter.

I wish to chiefly deal with the matter of proxy voting.

This provision was in force at one previous convention, that at Cleveland in 1913. At that convention a provision for voting by mail before each convention was adopted and remained in force until repealed at the Detroit convention in 1920. Proxy voting was then again provided for and received its first test at the Atlanta convention in 1923. This provision is still in force and will prevail at the coming Washington convention next August.

At the Atlanta convention, in 1923, in the election of first vice-president 380 ballots were cast. Of these ballots, 238 were proxies. The number of delegates actually voting was 142.

Of the proxies, 77 were held by Professor Harley Daniel Drake, of Gallaudet College, 39 by Mr. F. A. Moore, of New Jersey, 24 by Mr. A. B. Greener, of Ohio, and 14 by Mr. A. L. Pach, of New York.

Had these four gentlemen put their heads together and decided to vote as a unit their combined force would have been 158 votes, counting their own, enough to outweigh the total vote of the other 158 delegates actually voting, were there no other proxies cast. Had they combined with the twenty proxies held by Mr. S. Frankenheim of New York, and the six proxies held by Mr. H. A. Gillen, also of New York, their proxies with their own individual votes would have amounted to a total of 186 votes, so that they could have dictated the election, and if so inclined forced their " slate" upon the convention.

As a matter of fact if any one delegate held the election in his vest pocket, that delegate was Professor Harley Daniel Drake, of Gallaudet College. His seventy-seven proxies were enough to make or mar the success of any candidate.

The supporters of the proxy vote argue that the provision gives every member of the Association a chance to vote.

Forget it.

Nothing can be further from the truth. Professor Harley Daniel Drake did not vote as the seventy-seven individual members of the Association who entrusted him with their proxies wanted him to vote, but as Prof. Drake wanted Professor Drake of Gallaudet College, to vote. Likewise with Mr. Frederick A. Moore and the several other holders of proxies. Not one voted according to the preference of the giver of the proxy, but according to his own likes or dislikes, judgment or want of judgment.

That is not all. At the time of the Atlanta convention there were about fifteen hundred members of the Association. Only one person knew absolutely who were duly qualified electors, either in person or by proxy at the convention. This person was then Secretary-Treasurer, and present president of the Association, Mr. Arthur Lincoln Roberts. It was his duty, though unwritten, and the then president of the Association, Rev. Cloud, should have so instructed him in his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Board, to mail an official proxy blank to each of these 1500 members, for use in case of inability to attend the Atlanta convention.

By the same token it is the duty of the present Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Frederick A. Moore, of Trenton, N. J., to mail such an official proxy blank to each member in good standing.

Unless this is done, the proxy provision is a farce.

Mr. Moore may proceed with or without an order from Mr. Roberts. If the work necessitates the hiring of help, as well as expense for printing the proxy blanks, he should go ahead and as he will be acting altogether within the constitution of the Association, the Executive Board, if not the convention itself, must order his bill paid.

There is still another thing, apart from the proxy vote at Atlanta, to make thoughtful members of the Association think, and then think some more.

There were 238 vest pocket, or proxy votes. There were only 142 members actually voting.

There must have been over five hundred members of the Association in good standing in Atlanta attending the convention. There may have been close to a thousand. I do not know. I have not seen the actual number stated anywhere. But all the same it must seem not merely strange, but not to the credit of the Association that so small a proportion of the delegates were sufficiently interested to take part in the vital organization of the Association. Possibly these members were like the geese of a certain Scotch gentleman, the Laird of MacFarlane, who loved their play better than their meat.

I am taking the liberty of submitting these facts and observations to the thoughtful consideration and judgment of the true lovers and well-wishers of the National Association of the Deaf.

I have exaggerated nothing, distorted nothing.

Must it not appear that the system of proxy voting gives easy opportunity for a few to control the organization of the Association? Does it not appear that any man so inclined could " buy " any office he coveted? What is there to prevent any member in, say Greater New York or Chicago, from buying memberships for anywhere from 200 to 500 deaf persons, eligible to such membership, securing their proxies and then proceeding to Washington and casting his ballot full of votes as he saw fit? There is nothing in the articles of incorporation of the By-Laws to prevent such a procedure. If the votes, so secured, by any one member were thrown out, such member, after resigning, might sue the Association for heavy damages, and that could be done in as much as the Association is incorporated and can therefore sue and be sued.

Mr. Ritter is always glad to have any one to visit his school. If you do not believe it, just try it.

Does it not appear that the proxy voting

## PITTSBURGH.

provision should be repealed as both ineffective and dangerous?

Must it not appear that the only method giving each member a real chance to express his real preference in an election is the mail vote, preceded by a mail nomination contest?

And if this mail vote method is not adopted, must it not seem safer to go back to the old method of individual delegates present at an election deciding such election? This last would give the convention entirely the complexion of a local convention, but even at that it would be preferable to having one man with seventy-seven, or two hundred proxies in his vest pocket dominating the organization of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WILLIAM VEDRITZ.

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO., April 26, 1926.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR COLORED DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

BLIND CHILDREN

The Virginia School for Colored Deaf and Blind Children was founded by a deaf man, Mr. William C. Ritter who, has worked and lived in Virginia all of his life. He has never wanted to leave his mother State. Mr. Ritter had twenty years experience in the printing business and as an editor of a number of newspapers.

He has always worked hard in the interest of the deaf. He was one of the organizers of Virginia Association of the Deaf and served as its first secretary. He later served several times as president, and has been for a long time a life member of our National Association of the Deaf.

Recently our State Motor Vehicle Commissioner was considering a ruling that the deaf people of this State should not drive automobiles. He thought that the deaf people would not make safe drivers. Mr. Ritter went to see him in person. After a pleasant talk with the Commissioner, he withdrew his objection. We still have the same rights to drive automobiles as hearing people. They should not take away our rights as we are tax-payers the same as other people. Later the Commissioner said to another man: "Mr. Ritter is a fine fellow."

Some time prior to 1895 Mr. Ritter had a thought in his mind that our State should provide a school to educate and train the poor colored deaf children, who knew nothing even about God, nor their own names. At that time he was living in Staunton, engaged in the newspaper business. While Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were living in Staunton, a certain colored woman with her little deaf daughter came to their home, and told Mrs. Ritter that she could not find a school for her daughter. She asked Mrs. Ritter to teach her daughter in payment for doing the family washing. Mrs. Ritter agreed to do so for a while, as she was anxious to help the child. Later Mr. and Mrs. Ritter moved to Hampton, where there is the finest normal school for the colored in the South. The idea struck Mr. Ritter that it would be a good thing for him to roll up his sleeves and get down to business and establish a school for the colored deaf children. He continued working on it for several years. In 1902 he sent his measure to the State Legislature. The bill was not then carried, owing to the Legislature being overcrowded with bills. Ritter's bill was brought back to the Legislature in 1904, but it was again killed because the colored people objected to certain parts of the Constitution, and were fighting it in the courts. In 1906 the bill was again presented to the Legislature.

It then passed, giving Mr. Ritter \$5,000 to begin his work on the school. But a certain clerk of that body carelessly omitted a few lines of the Bill and it was discovered that it was not clearly worded. This matter was cleared up at the 1908 session, and \$25,000 was appropriated to establish a school to educate the colored deaf and dumb children of Virginia. The school was opened September 8th, 1909, with twenty-five children.

Mr. Ritter had fought his measure through, and the deaf and blind colored children looked up on him as a great friend. Mr. Ritter is a tireless business man and a hard fighter for what he thinks is right and just.

Today there are seven solid brick buildings at Newport News. He has been Superintendent of the school since he founded it.

Today he gets over \$30,000.00

each year from the State to operate the school. We are proud to say that Mr. Ritter has the finest school of its kind in the United States. The school has seventy-five acres of rich soil. He raises fine hogs, cows, chickens, etc. Mr. Ritter is a farmer. He raises enough vegetables, meat, and a plenty milk for the school. He always has a fine garden. Mrs. Ritter raises the chickens, turkeys, etc. They have chickens for teachers' dinner every Sunday, and for the pupils on special occasions.

The writer worked with Mr. Ritter in his school for ten years. We worked together like a team. He is certainly a wonderful man.

Ex-Governor Trinkle, who left office February 1st, 1926, praised highly Mr. Ritter's system of handling the school money and school work.

His system is very simple and altogether business-like.

Mr. Ritter is always glad to have

any one to visit his school. If you do not believe it, just try it.

R. AUMON BASS.

## In Memoriam

JOSEPHINE SMITH CAMERON. Another jewel in friendships casket, Of halcyon days and years ago; Has been taken out of the floral casket A loyal friend in joy or woe.

She kept her lamp a shining, That we ourselves could see; No thought came to her of dying, As she ministered to long ill sister.

That God would call her first, Mournfully the lonely ones spoke in whisper; As she reposèd in her rose covered casket.

Then Heavenly Father called sister, Side by side they were bournèd, To famous Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. In Mother Earth they rest together.

All is well with them forever, MARY WEYANT ODELL. April 14, 1926.

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